GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION FOR MINORITIES EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total fund required and allocated/earmarked for minorities education in the country during the 11th Plan;

(b) whether his Ministry has expressed distress over the less allocation made for minorities education for the 11th plan, as it is insufficient to implement Sachchar Committee`s recommendations;

(c) the reasons for allocating/earmarking less allocation;

(d) whether any Committee has also recommended higher allocation for minorities education in the 11th plan;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the further steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)to(f) Allocations for the education sector as a whole have been considerably enhanced for the 11th Five Year Plan period and benefits of the same would accrue to all sections of the population, including the minorities. Certain area based schemes approved by the National Development Council (NDC) for the 11th Five Year Plan would in particular, address the recommendations of the PM`s High level Committee (Sachchar Committee) on social, Economic and Educational status of the Muslim Community of India, through their coverage of minority concentration Districts and Blocks. These are
(i) incentivising State Governments to establish 370 degree colleges in districts with low access to higher education including 88 muslim Minority Concentration Districts;
(ii) establishing new Polytechnics, Women`s hostels in polytechnics and construction of girls hostels in Muslim Minority Concentration Blocks;
(iii) establishing Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in Muslim Minority concentration Blacks and;
(iv) the programme of modem education in Madarsas volunteering to introduce such education. The outlays approved by the NDC would enable the Central Government to implement Sachchar Committee`s recommendations.